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PLAN THE COUNTY STIRRING PLEA OF HENRY STERING

Points East Coast To
Need For Intelligent Cooperation

STOP FLOODING OF CROPS IN GLADES

Must Be Canal In Flatwoods To Intercept Pumping Uneconomic

An Open Letter to The Engineering Society and all Other Public Spirits

Palm Beach county contains the most

fertile parts of the Everglades lands—

and these best lands are phenomenal-

as well as immense areas of Everglades

lands of lesser, but yet good, fertility,

and large areas of land of no

what low value but which can be

made to produce certain crops with

profit. It needs no greatly prophetic

vision to see that ultimately—in a

future not too far distant—most of the

agricultural lands of this county will

be in use. The development of this

great agricultural area can be infinitely

expedited by a little intelligent

planning.

At the present time even the richest

farm lands around Canal Point and

other borders of Lake Okeechobee are

subject to loss of crops through over-

flow due to the present incomplete

state of the county's drainage system.

In October 1925 12 issues of the excellent

little paper published at Canal

Point, the editor points out that the

very serious losses of the farmers of this

county was sustained due to the un-

completed state of drainage facilities

and partly to lax management of what

do exist. Mr. Sharp writes in his article:

"The outlet at the east end of

West Palm Beach canal should be

closed and there should be another

canal between the St. Lucie and

the West Palm Beach canals. Everybody

who knows anything about drainage

knows that irrigation is the answer.

Coming to a strong group of public-spirited

citizens to aid for a proper com-

pletion of the drainage system is the

first step. The results of their

work and investments by the present

pioneering farmers of the county.

Unquestionably there should

another canal between the St. Lucie

and the West Palm Beach canals (the big one)

but several other canal basins cut

through the coastal ridge between

Kelsey City and Jupiter. In the pres-

ent incomplete state of the county's

drainage, the only way to prevent

overflows is to keep the water back

from the coastal ridge.

The Kintz family, who have

been here since 1912, have

been very instrumental in getting

the drainage work started.

Two men from the county engineer's

office, Mr. and Mrs. Graham, have

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FARM LAND PROMOTION

Stronger than any editorial the editor of The Everglades News can write is this letter from Frank Parker Stockbridge. It is in line with an article by Henry Sternig on "Plan This County" and "Suggestions On Colonization" by Nathan Mayo, commissioner of agriculture, both printed in this issue. We believe that these three articles will mark the start of an epoch in Florida's agricultural development.

Jacksonville, Florida, 23rd February, 1926.

Mr. Howard Sharp,
Editor, Everglades News,
Canal Point, Fla.

Dear Mr. Sharp:

I enclose a check for \$2.50 for a year's subscription to The Everglades News. I have more than once stated publicly that I think you are running the best newspaper in Florida, without exception, and it seems only fair to say that to you directly.

You hit the nail on the head every time. I have just been looking over your issue of February 19th. What you say about chickens and farming not mixing is a truth which cannot be too strongly emphasized. The trouble with almost every one of the so-called farm developments under way or projected in Florida is that their promoters know nothing about agriculture or horticulture and are trying to mix them up.

In fact, most promoters cannot be compelled to prove their statements by actual demonstrations under normal conditions before offering their lands for sale. There is no doubt whatever that there are hundreds of thousands of people in the north who are eager to come to Florida under conditions which will enable them to earn a living after they get here, but who are unable to get convincing information that will satisfy them that they have a chance to make a living from Florida land. I know of sources which offer such heterogeneous inducements to the prospective buyer of a five or ten acre tract as a dairy cow, a flock of chickens, a corn field, a patch of sweet potatoes, an orange grove, and a peach ditch, with a few bananas on the side, not to mention strawberries, cabbages and celery.

I presume that those who are advertising with a shot gun and aiming at the whole world of prospects may bring down a bird occasionally, but what good does it do Florida to bring into the state the kind of white-collar farmers who fall for that sort of bait?

This is the age of specialization. (That profound observation is not original with me.) Every industry in America is organized on the plan of certain employees performing certain operations and others performing other operations and nobody going or trying to do them all. As a result, the present generation has been taught to do one thing and only one thing and when you ask an American of this day to be the same kind of jack-of-all-trades that his father usually was and his grandfather had to be he inquires "What's the use?" He can make an awfully good living working eight hours a day, except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, and doing only one kind of work.

This may be all wrong from the viewpoint of the sociologists but it is a fact, and facts are stronger than feelings. (This is an unoriginal remark.) And the basis of this fast upon the Florida agricultural situation is this:

Agriculture and horticulture in Florida, especially in the Everglades, is necessarily highly specialized. You can't, says the lady from Montana whom you quote, mix poultry and general farming any more successfully in Florida than you can in the wheat belt. But there is no reason in the world why specialized poultry farming, or the specialized growing of any other product of the land, can not be more profitable in Florida than anywhere else. We have had ample demonstration that this is true, roughly speaking, all over the state and in every specialized branch of agriculture and horticulture. And it is this sort of specialization—this is the point I have been driving at—which carries the strongest appeal to the young Americans of the present generation.

It takes the general farmer pretty nearly a life-time under fairly uniform conditions of soil and climate to really learn how to get the best results from one of the multifarious items which have to be mastered if he is to succeed. It took a seven years' apprenticeship in the old days to make a competent all-round carpenter or blacksmith. To-day it takes but a few weeks or months to produce a sufficiently competent workman for one or another of the failed operations. The man need not be a master, but he must be able to earn enough to support the load of day-to-day expenses and enable him to earn even though of but actually to get for his labor a better living, immensely greater liberty and leisure and a materially larger surplus of wealth.

It is unquestionable that the number of general farmers throughout the United States is rapidly diminishing, not only in actual numbers, but even more rapidly in proportion to the growth of urban population. Where, then, are the "prospects" at which these promiscuous so-called farm developments are shooting? Let them use a rifle instead of a shotgun, conform their promotions to the needs of the time and the needs of the present day, and they will have no trouble in finding buyers. The Florida interloper may capable of giving the bare details of a single specialty, and willing and eager to teach that ones they can be convinced that it offers them a better living or more leisure or both than they can get by working at the specialized occupations, in which they are now engaged in the north.

We have developed a new commodity in America. That is leisure. Leisure was once the exclusive property of a limited and privileged class. To-day it is a commodity readily purchased and easily bought by almost anybody in America. The whole Florida movement rests upon that fact. As the increasing number of people find themselves in a position to buy leisure, they are buying it and want to know where they can get the most out of it, which is in Florida. Let us not be still prone to think of leisure and Palm Beach as synonymous; but the fact is that in all over the United States, down the economic scale to the unskilled, leisure has become most highly prized and widely sought for of all commodities.

How foolish, to try to impress a people which has had a taste of leisure to come to Florida for the purpose of working harder and more continuously than they are obliged to do now. That is what the agricultural developer who offers them an opportunity to go into general farming is prone to do.

Florida offers the same opportunities for the man who wants to do less work and greater leisure than the average man can achieve elsewhere. There are some jarrings in this statement which conditions are not possible in Florida or anywhere else for the individual working his own land. That class of operations—live stock, dairying and the production of the great staple crops—must eventually dole everywhere, as they are being done to day in many places, by industrial corporations as highly organized as are the great corporations which manufacture automobiles and other commodities, and whose workers perform their individual specialized tasks in a limited number of hours per day and have abundance of leisure time left out of life. These are only a few of the great opportunities which have often been mentioned for the kind of agricultural development, but that takes more capital than the general run of providers have, I freely confess, to say nothing of immense, by greater intelligence and foresight.

This is a long sermon to hang on your text. I have been wanting to get these thoughts out of my system for some time, and you have given me the opportunity, or at least the excuse. It sounds very pretty to talk about the man with a genuine love for the soil who can't be happy unless he is making two blades of grass grow where only one grew before, but in real life there are only a few of that sort of people in the country to be found. The great part of Florida agricultural lands on any basis except the chance of a comfortable living with a minimum of work and a maximum of leisure, and let's try to get enough honesty and intelligence behind our agricultural developments to make that possible to the milling or so, young men up north who ought to be down here and would like to be down here but who aren't going to the themselves up to any twenty-four-hours-a-day, fifty-two-weeks-in-the-year sort of a job, such as is implied in general farming.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE.

THE EVERGLADES NEWS, CANAL POINT, FLORIDA

IN LIEU OF GOLF

The Editor's Own Column

Men usually do best the things they like to do and probably the reason G. W. Stovall is making such good progress is because the Okeechobee Chamber of Commerce is so intent that it just exactly the kind of work he likes to do. His heart is in it. Guy Stovall is an able man, he has constructive ability, and should be taken seriously by all who deal with him and the subjects he handles.

Now that the tourists are getting out of West Palm Beach and the real estate market isn't so good, West Palm Beach is showing a decided interest in the Everglades. It makes us residents of the Glades sore to see the tourists get first consideration but really it is the proper course for West Palm Beach to take. The tourists become winter residents, the permanent residents and thereby Floridians, interested in the development of the whole state. The tourists will run the east coast as far as the number of permanent residents, but the permanent population will eventually become so large that the home interests will receive more year-round interest. We will have to be patient and await the working out of this process and influence.

This editor is Canadian paper writer so tell me he doesn't like Florida—he prefers Canada. The correspondence he and I had reminds me of a story, the same story 30 years ago: "I may not be a good Canadian," he said, "but I am at least the best in Palm Beach county. This is the story: A West Texas editor, exiling his part of water to a good place, was told he had better pack up and leave. The editor commented that that was all he had to do to make a good country. The West Texas editor retorted, "Darn man that won't take up for his own country. On that ground we consider the Canadian for taking up for his own country."

Worrell Glades county's court house was sold last week by its construction board by Circuit Judge Whitehurst at Fort Myers. The complainants are N. S. Vining and D. L. Lewis, the two employees of Stone & Webster. Stone's attorney is Oscar S. Miller. Recount of the court's action was always the tactic of Clarence M. Bush, which held the Stone Farm Company land that the Stone Development Company took over. The Stone house injunction makes it appear that Bush still controls the property.

PLAN THE COUNTY

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a very considerable watershed, the impression is that the farms of the community are in a condition of being scarcely reckoned. This, and the loss of the original pioneering farmers, will greatly (albeit unnecessarily) retard the county's development.

On February 5 I made a trip out to the north side of Lake Okeechobee.

It was overflowing, farming land, even though it was the middle of the dry season, destroying crops. Half of this water should have been cut off by a Riviera canal and never allowed to run south to the too-small Palm Beach canal.

Although the water in Palm Beach was as high on February 5 as that in the lake, in the heads of the canals leading out of the south side of Lake Okeechobee the water was fully three feet lower than the water in the areas along the lake. There was also a had a water level even one or two feet below the lake they need not have had their crops destroyed.

The 45,000 acres of agricultural land in Palm Beach county between the Palm Beach and St. Lucie canals are so far from being practically undeveloped (as they now appear to be) that it is difficult to imagine that they will all, ultimately, be farmed. How distant the day of their ultimate utilization will be depends largely upon the amount of added acreage the county can find in the future. The common way in which the ultimate development of such a region is finally attained by the people who occupy it is the extremely slow and painful process of merely clearing it out. Sight and forecast are not employed. Hundreds of thousands, yes, millions of dollars are used up by the operators in heavy laboring, by solitary experiments that could perfectly have been discovered by foresight and planning, and the enormous and unnecessary waste of time and money.

I believe that many of the costly projects of leveling and installing expensive pumps to throw the surplus water from particular developments or tracts into the present canals will not be successful, but will end in failure. It is a perfectly plain fact that when the earlier developments are made profitably productive by this make-shift means (if they should ever be successful), the tendency will be to turn to the other lands, undertake to level them also, into production by the same means and also to pump their surplus water out into the present inadequate

canals, the too numerous pumping plants will merely raise the waters in the canals until it breaks through the weaker levees and floods some of the tracts. It is a physical impossibility to put away all of the water that falls on the land. It is a physical impossibility unless you have an infinite receiver to put it in. The present canals cannot contain it and their inadequacy for the proper drainage of the region will be the sure ultimate, leading to the abandonment of numerous abortive and expensive pumping plants. Why not, instead of wasting millions of dollars on these foredoomed experiments, all concentrate to accomplish what is to be done? We have the land, we have the water, we have the people, we have the money, we have the time, we have the energy, we have the spirit of the county to work for an adequate completion of a drainage system for the county. Let us organize and do it, and invite experts to tell us what they can do to help us to do it. Why waste millions of dollars and scores of years in merely feeling out the development of Palm Beach county when we can surely save the money and the waste by one planned project!

A group of public-spirited citizens of the county should constitute themselves a County Planning Board. Possibly it is the most inviting and alluring opportunity for broad-minded agricultural planning presented in a century. We are at that present day exists in Palm Beach county. A prophet can see will all the all crowded with farm houses today, tomorrow, in a vision of undevelopment, according to the excess of water which up to this time has prevented its utilization. Other new towns and developments will be needed to accommodate these people, and their products, dig out drainage canals to make their lands salable. Such projects should all be coordinated and all this inevitable work be done in such way as to provide a good market and complete drainage of the western agricultural region of the county.

And there is the opportunity not only now to plan an adequate county drainage system, but also to plan a highway system. It is said that the Chicago and Detroit are the two greatest cities in the world, and that a city of Chicago's importance and size would be built upon the south shore of Lake Okeechobee, and a strong development company is even now laying out the streets of Lake City, a town that will be a agricultural section of Palm Beach county. Then there is the already prosperous town of Belle Glade. All of the back-country people and their families, who now make up the population of the area around the lake, will find a harbor at Riviera, improving on the dispositions of nature. Will not the east coast, people unite with the back-country people to establish an adequate county drainage system, and in this way open up a new field for the farmers from the losses of their work and investments by preventable floods?

A nephew of a prophet can see that there is a fine opportunity to lay out a diagonal highway through this new virgin country from the Okeechobee River to the south shore of Lake Okeechobee to the New York at Riviera harbor; and clearly see that the ultimate development of the country needs its roads with a good route and a route for future highway and for a southern railroad of the future.

If there were even a nephew of a prophet amongst you he would plan the present Riviera into a city, the city of Plastic, which could afterward absorb the present city of West Palm Beach and get rid of two-thirds of its food and hampering name. (Why the compound name of Plastic?) The city of Plastic would be located on the site of Florida city? The entire area of Plastic would be the east coast where legislators can work during late spring and summer sessions to get a warmer interior point. We cannot now see the ghost of Plastic, which will be the new and growing city of Florida.

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HENRY STERNING.

MARCH 5, 1926

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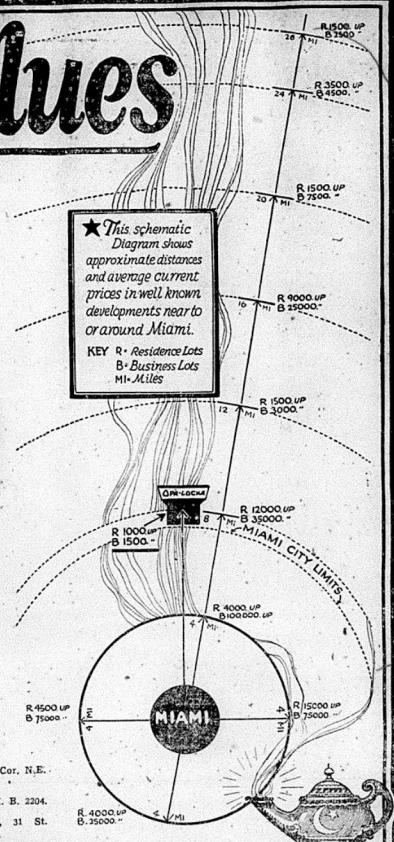
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CHOSSEN

CHOSSEN, Fla., March 1.—Mrs. C. V. Elliott was at Chosen recently to look after planting of trees on her farm here. She lives at South Bay. Herbert Harris and family from Sioux City, Iowa, are staying at the H. Friedman residence. They sold their holdings in Iowa and came to Florida to stay. He expects to buy a small truck farm.

F. H. Friedman, who has the colored subdivision for sale at Belle Glade, had already taken orders for 56 lots.

Announcement—I have for sale the lots in Watts' subdivision at Belle Glade and have already sold 14 of them. I expect to buy at Belle Glade come and get my prices and terms on these fine lots—F. H. Friedman, Licensed Broker, Chosen, Fla.

OKEECHOBEE

(Compiled from The News.)
W. E. Fogel of West Palm Beach was a visitor to our city this week.
Mrs. J. J. Walker, of Somerset, Pa., visited the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Price.

Thomas Beattie, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Price.

Luther W. N. Ainsworth of Macon, was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. T. Lee Sunday.

John Denham Bird, Jr., came over from Boston Springs Saturday to spend the weekend with his parents.

Glen Skipper of Fort Lauderdale and Lon Burton of Delray were Okeechobee visitors Wednesday.

Chief of Police Cliff Bass is back again on the job after undergoing an operation for appendicitis at Palm Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. DeWilton Alderman of Miami, spent Sunday with Robert Alderman at Okeechobee.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hall motored up from West Palm Beach and spent Sunday with friends in Okeechobee, and Monday spent the day at the Southern cattle ranch.

Mr. L. Schlesinger, fur trader, has decided to remain in Okeechobee and open an all-year-round business, as well as taking care of buying in season. He has purchased the northeast corner of Oscar and Fifth.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Price of High Springs, who have been the guests of their son, J. E. Price, and daughter, Mrs. Frank Bradley, returned to their home Thursday via Tampa.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Holmes of Indiantown spent the wee-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Holmes. This is Mr. Holmes' first trip here in eight years.

Mrs. E. M. Moore has as her guest

Miss Cora Belle Scale of Selma, Ala. Miss Scale was one of the party with Mrs. Moore on her trip abroad last summer.

Miss Betty Britton attended the Washington birthday ball at the Royal Poinciana hotel, Palm Beach, the evening of February 22.

Mrs. W. H. Price, who is at the Orange General Hospital, Orlando, is expected to be operated on in a few days. Mrs. Gary has been quite ill, but is reported better.

Thomas S. Thibodeaux and Miss Alma Audrey Price were married Tuesday evening at the home of Rev. E. M. C. Dunkin.

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has been delayed on account of difficulty in securing building material. However, Thibodeaux still insists that he will have everything completed in

Ten Days

The burden of delay is on him and we shall continue to run this paragraph until he does complete the building.

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PAHOKEE

Paohokee, June 2, 1925.

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A. KALTENBRUNER.

Dr. S. A. York and son, Dr. Fred York and wife, Tom Green, owner of electrical station, and manager and treasurer of the Crystal Bridge Company, all of St. Petersburg, came through Paohokee last week, stopping over a little while with the former's relatives. They were on their way to Miami to institute some greater business.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist church held their meeting Tuesday afternoon. Subject: Missionary Spirit.

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Remember, choir practice Wednesday evening at Baptist church and Thursday evening at M. E. church.

Mrs. Gibson, who has been visiting her cousin, Mrs. Osborne, left Thursday for Sebring, Fla.

The members of the Baptist church will observe the fourth anniversary of the church next Sunday. Everybody is invited to come and bring a basket full of edibles.

Mrs. C. S. Brown and little grandchild, Anna Brown Willis, are here.

John Middleton McKinon of Gallatin, Tenn., traveling salesman for Proctor & Gamble, spent the week-end with his cousin, Mrs. A. R. Rice, and his aunt, Mrs. H. Ridenour of Las Animas, Colorado, who is also a visitor in the Rice home.

The woman's bible class had charge of the Sunday school program at M. E. church last Sunday. An excellent program was rendered. The young people's class will have charge next Sunday.

Rhodes beautiful millinery, that expresses the season's most authentic modes. Neopolitan straws, sheered malines, Bangkok milans; colors: Boise De Rose, palmetto green, Italian blue and wild honey. You'll find these fabrics at York's.

Woman's Club.

The Paohokee Woman's Club met in its regular business session, Monday, March 1, in the club house. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. J. R. York, President. Roll call, reading and approving of the minutes of the previous meeting. Reports of officers, standing and special committees were given.

The unfinished business of last meeting was transacted, a discussion entertained on the topic of the club. There was a general interest and carried to refer to the furnishing of entertainment for town to social committee. The chairman being away for the winter, the chair appears to Mrs. York as chairman, and the business was transacted, after which the meeting adjourned.

SECOND DRAGLINE

C. L. McNeese is working two dragline machines on West Palm Beach canal, pulling back the spoil bank in advance of the dredge Caloosahatchee. The second machine is a new two-yard Bucyrus.

CURE FOR BLUES

Four of us went to Vero Beach to find some plants to set; We found their crops in a sorry state from cold and from the wet.

We thought our place a Jonah and we were about to leave. Now we think it an honor To live in this good land.

If you are blue, your luck's bad; Just take a trip around— Back home you'll come and feel glad You farm on this rich ground.

—FRANK FRIEND.

SPRING SONG

Springtime with its purple skies And roses gemmed with dew Ice-locked ocean's free again And tidal wave blue.

Springtime through the world, Love,

Springtime on the sea;

Springtime in the heart, Love,

And thou art all to me.

Through the wood's green solitudes Where the sunbeams play,

Where the moonlight shimmers o'er

The ocean's rolling bay.

Over the bladed level lakes,

Where the swallows wing

All the world is blushing with

The glory of the spring.

Far across the mountains dim;

Gleaming with the snows

Through blue and balmy summerland

Through gardens of the rose.

Springtime once again Love,

Full of hope and glee,

I am thine forever more

And thou art all to me.

THE EVERGLADES NEWS, CANAL POINT, FLORIDA

visiting Mrs. Joe Van de Velde, their daughter and sister.

J. P. Tatum visited his wife in Moore Haven Saturday morning. Mrs. Tatum is the mother of a son, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Lence. Her home is in Deland, where Mr. Tatum is a prominent real estate dealer.

Monday, February 22, was Washington Day and the high school celebrated by going to LaBelle and playing a double header of basketball. The girls won their game 8 to 6 and the boys losing 4 to 6.

Mr. Ingles, sales manager of the Gulf Coast Investment Company, went to Jacksonville Saturday to meet his wife and children who were en route from Kansas. They returned to this city Monday. Mr. Ingles and his wife have a thriving little city here and is well contented to be able to call this her future home.

Messrs. Roy Gaskill and A. Turner of Sarasota were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Van de Velde. Mr. David Van de Velde has been spending several weeks in Moore Haven, the guest of Mrs. King and Mrs. Stroop. He returned to his home in Virginia Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moore and children, Mr. N. G. Moore, Mrs. Fred Henricksen, spent Sunday afternoon as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Swanson of Lakeport.

City Settler of Orlando, formerly of Indiantown, spent the weekend in Moore Haven, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Settler.

Mrs. Eugene Smith and family of Moore Point spent the weekend in Moore Haven. He says that the farmers of East Beach are going to have a big crop this spring which will begin to move very soon.

The first residence to be built in Pointe Indiantown will probably be gotten under way this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Bowling and son, of Bardo, Kentucky, spent several days this week in our city. Mr. Bowling is taking his vacation and getting ready to move to the city of Moore Haven's "Soil City." Come over to have a "look-see." He was so well pleased with what he found here that he immediately purchased several acres of land in East Beach, a new subdivision of Pointe Indiantown Park, which is being received with such popular favor.

The firm of Farman & Van de Velde dissolved partnership this week owing to the ill health of Mr. Farman. The firm has been one of the strongest of the section on heavy hauling, etc.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Under Section 77 of the Revised General Statutes of Florida.

Notice is hereby given that J. C. Ellis, purchaser of Tax Certificate #6059, dated the 1st day of August A. D. 1921, has filed his application for tax deed and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law.

Said certificate embraces the following property, situated in Palm Beach County, Florida, containing 15 acres, more or less, in Township 15, Range 2, Section 1, Town of Fort Pierce, as recorded in P. B. 2, pages 29 to 40 inclusive.

The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Carl Buck. Under said certificate, he will be entitled according to law to file a tax deed on the 25th day of March, A. D. 1926.

Witness my official signature and seal this 11th day of February, A. D. 1926.

J. C. Ellis, Clerk Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, Florida.

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THIBODEAUX PUTS UP STORE ROOM

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Laying of sidewalks in the part of the Canal Point townsite north of the canal was completed yesterday. When the rocking of streets starts depends on when the railroad will bring in the rock.

Contractor G. C. Cranford is completing a dwelling house for W. R. Bonham, who is to manage the Bank of Canal Point. Mr. Bonham and family have been living near the sugar mill for a month.

A second two-story apartment house is being built by Contractor James Maxwell for John G. Magaw, adjacent to the one just started for Howard Sharp and which was taken over by Mr. Magaw.

Foundation was put in this week for a 25x35 octagonal house and garage building to be located on Conner Highway about 25 feet south of the lakehouse tollhouse. S. J. Thibodeaux & Company are putting up the building for their own use. The firm will have offices there and will put in a stock of electrical fixtures and plumbing supplies.

A truck was sent to Lake Wales Wednesday for doors in the Harder building, and with the coming of the doors the building will be finished.

Fixtures for the Bank of Canal Point are being placed this week. The vault and safe are in. Appearance of the room indicates that the bank can open for business soon after the doors are set.

Thibodeaux & Company are putting a septic tank in the valley back of the Everglades News office.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barrett are planting grass and shrubbery on the grounds of their hotel, Custard Apple Lodge. L. N. Simon of West Palm Beach, J. E. Coburn of Palm Beach, who owns lots of land on the canal, were recently at Canal Point recently. Mr. Simon says he and other owners of property south in the canal are ready to rock streets in their properties and to the roads of the lakehead road is settled. He learned that Thibodeaux & Company will take a contract to do the street work.

BRIDGE

Cooper DeDolph caught a 7-pound black bass in Pelican Lake Monday. This is the largest he has caught, his other catches have ranged around three to five pounds. He is with the county engineer's crew of surveyors.

CANAL POINT

Mrs. Marion Downing of Atlanta is visiting her son and daughter, Mrs. G. H. Tucker and Mrs. Murphy. She will remain here some weeks.

F. R. Mustin, the Okeechobee clothier was in town Tuesday advertising the several suits of clothes for which he took orders two weeks before.

Prof. H. L. Speer, of the Canal Point school attended the county fair Wednesday in West Palm Beach. He carried specimens of work done at the school.

Hugo Boe has quit his job as clerk for the Jones Furniture Company at Lake Worth and gone to work for the Mayaco Company at Port Royal as a truck driver. He is living at the beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brackett of Excelsior, Minn., were guests over the weekend of his nephew, R. C. Brackett, and his wife. The Minnesota Bracketts had been staying with her brother at Lake Worth.

S. E. Barrett of Jacksonville, general agent of the Fruit Growers' Express Company, was in Canal Point Tuesday to see Mr. H. K. Poland. He is good deal of local comment about it, and most of the comment is critical of the action. Whoever gave the order has overlooked one thing in connection with the whole deal; what would happen if the weather turned now, anyway, but a photograph has been taken and the fax pas may be noted from the photograph if it is shown to a committee of the legislature. To tell you how would be the joke that may be sprung next year.

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COMMUNITY GOSSIP

Pahokee people taunt Canal Point people and say Canal Point hasn't any trucking country. They say Canal Point people don't try to drive it; they confess it and say it is too bad that it is so and they wish it were otherwise. Of course, there is trucking around Canal Point, but it is of government or commercial to Pahokee. There is some prospect that the amount of land around Canal Point available for branches of farming other than cane growing will be increased the coming year. It is to be hoped that the new interests in the sugar company will aid the process of getting in cultivators of small farms.

There's going to be a bad accident on the Canal Point bridge some day. Everybody expects it and no one will be surprised when it happens. The way to avoid it is to build another bridge and lessen the traffic on it.

There isn't a kitchen table in either of the Canal Point stores that carry furniture. And yet a West Palm Beach furniture dealer, a year ago, declined to advertise in The Everglades News because he said, kitchen tables were the only furniture the people in the Glades ever bought.

A fence is being built on the mouth side of the canal at the lock and spillway on the fence on the south side. It is understood there will be no gate in the fence and that the purpose of the fence is to prevent persons from crossing the canal and spilling water.

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comes at a time when tomatoes and oranges and when rains are liable and when the canal will have to be kept open. We are going to have another bridge across the canal or a lot of fun talking about it.

M. E. CHURCH

Canal Point
Jesus spoke of the words hold before us as an ideal of the union of Christian fellowship. It is an ideal which is growing in strength and clearness in our day. One of the opportunities which such an ideal offers is to have through life to contribute to the increasing fellowship and working cooperation and eventual union between Christians who are now divided into many different bodies. May God reward the day when man underlined the Son of God when he spoke the words recorded by St. John 10:16.

The pastor and family drove to South Bay Wednesday to attend a special meeting of the Sunday school. He will preach again Sunday 11 a.m. and at Belle Glade 7:30 p.m.

Sunday school 10 a.m., G. W. Snyder Superintendent. Preaching 7:30 p.m. Broderick with his wife and son come to town to be with us. Come to the dais when you enter the church on the day when the pastor underlined the Son of God when he spoke the words recorded by St. John 10:16.

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Wm. Jesse Thomas, Pastor.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The county commissioners of Palm Beach county and Alex Taylor, the county engineer, visited Canal Point Friday of last week. They were touring the county inspecting all roads and bridges. Now that the June primary is approaching the county commissioners are making more trips into the districts and looking after roads.

BRISCO TO NEW MEXICO

Horace Brisco, for many years a resident of the Canal Point territory, has gone to New Mexico. He will travel around in that state several weeks selecting a location. During his residence on East Beach Mr. Brisco was a fisherman and trucker and he established the restaurant business now run by C. R. Brigham.

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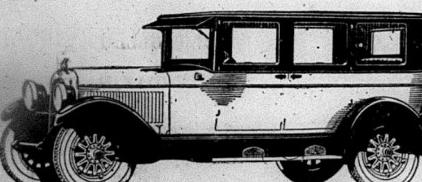
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The Celotex Company is an established and successful firm, making a product that has won world-wide recognition. B. G. Dahlberg is president of the Celotex Company. He is also president of the Southern Sugar Company, which has taken over the plantation and mill of the Florida Sugar & Food Products Company, located between Canal Point and Connors Farms.

Buyers of small farm tracts in Connors Farms will have the benefit and profit of proximity to Mr. Dahlberg's operations—that is something to look forward to.

A country that is good enough to attract some of the biggest business men in the world is a good country.

By F. E. Bryant,
President of the Florida Sugar and
Food Products Co.

Everybody is agreed that South Florida needs agricultural development—industries, and pay-rolls; and, in this connection, probably few people realize that this important link is now being forged and shaped up in no uncertain manner.

The recent amalgamation of the interests of the Florida Sugar and Food Products Company, at Canal Point, with the Southern Sugar Company, and the Dahlberg interests, at Clewiston, form a company of interests that will have far-reaching results in the development of the entire Lake Okeechobee region.

Mr. B. G. Dahlberg is the founder and president of the Celotex Company. Lumber, paper, and cellulose lumber is made from bagasse, which is the refuse from sugar cane after the juices have been extracted. At the present time, the Celotex Company has a large plant in New Orleans, and a board foot bagasse furnished by the Louisiania sugar mills. The Celotex Company now has an output of over 700,000 feet of lumber per day at their New Orleans plant, and constantly below it in filling their orders due to the ever-increasing demand for Celotex. The above statement is made just as though that Celotex is not a new, untried industry, but a going concern and wonderfully promising.

Mr. B. G. Dahlberg belongs to that group of far-sighted Americans, who have anticipated a need, worked it out, and by taking a waste product, produced an article for which there was great demand. This is the case of Celotex, which is a substitute for lumber. But Mr. B. G. Dahlberg has done more than that. He has taken a waste product of the sugar industry and developed an article, Celotex, a profitable substitute for all kinds of lumber, one of the world's greatest staples, becomes a by-product.

Mr. B. G. Dahlberg does not jump at conclusions; but, being a far-sighted business man, he realized that the Louisiana sugar cane district covered a very restricted area; that the season was short, tone acre low; and thus if the Celotex Company was going to take a place as one of the industries in the state, it was necessary to find the ideal location where sugar cane could be profitably grown within the United States.

Mr. Dahlberg's investigations soon brought to light the fact that the Lake Okeechobee region was the locality he was looking for. Having decided on the location, he then spent thousands of dollars in research work, getting reports from experts with regard to irrigation, soil chemists, drainage engineers, sugar cane experts and agriculturists, from the Department of Agriculture, with the result that he has decided upon the Lake Okeechobee region as the ideal place for the future development of the Celotex industry, in connection with a large sugar industry.

Florida has always been a lumber state, and every banker and business man "knows lumber" as a state industry. To the old-timers, it may sound crazy to make the statement that the Lake Okeechobee region is about to become a great lumber center; and in this connection, it is well to understand why.

The lumber industry is a destructive one, cutting the timber and moving on to a new location; but the Celotex idea is entirely different, and highly constructive.

Celotex is made from Cellulose. Just the same as lumber is cellulose, but the

cellulose in sugar cane is reproduced each growing season in the same ground, and it is estimated that in the Lake Okeechobee region, more cellulose can be produced in the form of sugar cane than one acre of land can ever be produced in the form of three percent in seventy-five years. Understanding this, it is not difficult to visualize great agricultural developments, industries and pay-rolls in the Lake Okeechobee region.

At the beginning of this article mention was made of the fact that Mr. B. G. Dahlberg had arranged an amalgamation of the Florida Sugar and Food Products Company properties at Canal Point, with the Southern Sugar Company, which has headquarters at Clewiston, thereby securing two strategic locations for his operations. The Florida Sugar and Food Products Company owns some of the best land in the Canal Point district, and have an up-to-date sugar mill and plantation. Mr. Dahlberg and associates already have large interests in the Clewiston district. A very large amount of money has been spent on drainage, and a first-class highway system of Clewiston has been laid out. The townsite of Clewiston is an absolute necessity in the development of the great projects, to be established, and the new Celotex mill, which at present is also a sugar mill, these two industries alone will support a large population, to say nothing of the needs of the trucking industry, which will be immense. It is the writer's opinion that the development of the Celotex and sugar cane industries in the Lake Okeechobee region will do more to develop all of South Florida than anything that has ever come before. The production of suitable crops in large volume is the one thing needed to make Florida the most prosperous state in the Union.

Millions of people want to live in Florida, will live in Florida, but they also must make a living in Florida; and it is the development of the agricultural resources that can be brought about, and will support a large population.

In 1923, the building permits in the city of Miami were one hundred million dollars, a wonderful record. But in the same period, over one hundred million dollars worth of agricultural products were imported into the state, and the share of the state was \$100,000,000 in the total agricultural lands in Southern Florida; and there now is every reason to believe that a great agricultural development is imminent. Conservative capitalists, evidently those who are conservative as demonstrated by the work being done on drainage projects, and new developments recently announced in the Lake Okeechobee region; as, for instance, at Clewiston, the Canal Point Sugar Company, the Florida Muck Farms, Inc., a Jeffries corporation; the Conners Farms subdivision at Canal Point, the Highland Glades drainage district, and Port Mayaca, a Phifer project. All these are large-scale, constructive and wise, bound to lead to the actual settlement of the lands.

When such men as Mr. Paris Singer, Mr. H. C. Ronick, Mr. B. G. Dahlberg, Mr. J. B. Jeffries, Mr. John Phipps, Mr. W. E. Phillips, William R. and Company, Inc., bankers of New York, Mr. Richard Delafield, and Mr. John H. Fulton of the National Park Bank of New York; DeLaney Nicoll, Jr., attorney for the world-famous Carey, Fred F. Carey and H. T. Carey and Company, and others of equal prominence in the financial world, are actively interested in the actual development of the untold resources of the Lake Okeechobee region, surely the future is full of promises that will be fulfilled.

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WARNING TO COLONIZERS

By Nathan Mayo
Commissioner of Agriculture

There are many projects now under way for colonization in Florida. The different methods followed in these projects may be classified under four heads:

1. There is the policy adopted by some of the large acreages in buying them up into small farms and selling them to actual settlers. In other words, the purchaser agrees to live on the land he buys before sale is made.

Of the plan followed, I like this best, provided the developer takes the precaution to have the land well inspected and classified as to quality and as to the crops best suited to each tract. With this as a guide, the investor has a good opportunity to succeed as it starts on with the advantages of knowing what he can do with his soil, which so many do not know under ordinary methods of settlement.

The second method of colonization development is followed and the price charged the settler is high enough that the farmer can earn a good dividend on his investment; the promoter is doing the state a favor and the one to whom he sells the land and the one who buys it are the ones who profit most to the state than any other now in progress.

There is another method of colonization development which I would like to see tried out. The plan I wish to suggest is as follows:

Take a large acreage, make the purchase done as mentioned above, which has both scientific and practical knowledge of soils and who is acquainted with Florida lands; when the entire acreage is surveyed and platted and offered for sale, price being determined by the country there should be reserved to the most favorable part, lands to be divided into a certain number of farms that are for actual settlers only. Those settling there are to be those who buy for themselves or for others, who buy purely for investment, to later on that he wishes to move onto the land, give him the choice of any lot unused in the reservation for actual settlement. If he moves away for his lot, he is to receive a refund.

Where the proposed colony embraces sufficient acreage, I think it might be well for the sellers of the land to encourage specialization. As an illustration, let certain parts of the tract be reserved for dairying, let each man who buys on this portion set aside his chief energies to the production of poultry. Another section might be for dairying, another for trucking, in this way there would be a constant interchange between each farmer and his neighbor that would promote team work, standardization of product, proper grading and more profitable marketing.

I do not believe it would be a good thing to adopt a policy of colonizing Japanese, Chinese, or Hindus, in the state. I think that all the aggravation and dissatisfaction experienced by California because of Oriental would be experienced in any other state if the influx of these people reached the same magnitude as it did in that state.

This state is strong in which the negroes are the chief element of the highest quality. This is the objective in our work in the Immigration Bureau of the Department of Agriculture to help build up Florida with a homogeneous population of the highest possible quality.

salesmanship unload these farms on purchasers who have not seen them. They make no discrimination between the original cost, and those lands that can be brought under cultivation at a moderate expense. They make no distinction either as to the fertility of these lands in the sense that anybody regardless of whether he has intentions of settling on these lands or not. There is no provision made for aiding these newcomers by competent instructors being placed at their service, or by any financial assistance.

To my mind, this haphazard method of procedure cannot but lead to disappointment in innumerable instances to injustice to the purchaser. One project of this kind resulting in financial harm more than can be overcome in years of legitimate constructive work.

Those who buy under conditions like this, profit by the developer's lack of knowledge as to quality and as to the crops best suited to each tract. This is the case with the majority of the settlers in the colony, and they are thrown into a pioneer life that is not at all attractive to the ninety and nine who wish to enjoy the advantages of modern civilization.

There are some who are undertaking to colonize on the basis of nationality. If this is done on anything like a large scale, it means the bringing together of various cults, or race. Let us take these up in the order mentioned:

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This is the worst possible way of even Americanizing a foreign people. They are not Americans in the true sense of the word as long as this is the case.

Take the colony based on religion. This is to take the least amount of trouble, and the most inflexible results in that exclusiveness of life that prevents the proper development of homogeneity that must pervade society, in order to have a great composite republic of democratic citizens. Regardless of social factors as to the handling of the land itself, the objection here raised holds good.

Take the question as regards a basis of color. In the first place, it is hard to take as a colony that is democratic in its true sense is impossible with mixed races. There is no instance where there are not discriminations between races where they are thrown in contact.

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TOPPING POTATOES
Ray Shockard, proprietor of the Canal Point Garage, comes from Maine, where many potatoes are grown—do they grow them in the same manner?

Potato plantings are set out in vines that are frost-killed in the spring and the ridges the idea of "the snows going down," which probably means the vines are carried down. The vines go up again in this time, but do not go down again as the vines freeze frost does not mean that the seed or stem is hurt. I can see there is a difference between the way of growing the potato in Florida and from the late summer to early fall in Maine.

—In the fall the sap is going down, and if vines are frost-killed in the fall, the vines go right down and do not come back if they are frost-killed in the spring. And I can believe that it will do more good to eat vines down to the ground if the frost has occurred in the fall.

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